

His name appears in the Census for 1840, as a Revolutionary pensioner, then aged 77 years.

"A tall, erect figure, very kindly and benevolent to the poor, industrious and with large executive ability, claiming that six hours sleep was enough for any man. He had a sterling sense of honesty and fair dealing. He was a patriot, and loved his country, enlisting in its service when but a mere lad of sixteen, and he often astonished his grand-children and friends with recitals of their privations and sufferings during the war..

"Dea. Roland' as he was called to distinguish him from his brothers, 'Dea. Andrew,' and 'Dea. John,' who lived near by, was a very conscientious, religious man, quite after the Pilgrim type. He offered ~~prayer~~ at every *grace* meal. With the greatest reverence I recall my grand-father on his knees in the family prayers, in his earnest and devout expressions of gratitude and thankfulness; and his confessions of shortcomings; and the closing words of the prayer have never left my childish memory, and I often find myself closing the petition with them: 'And now Lord, what wait we for? Our wants and complaints are spread before Thee, and Thou knowest what we need, better than we can think, or even ask.'

"Many years ago, in a great movement in the Congregational Church, Dea. Sears avowed himself a believer in one God, a Unitarian; quite a grief to his wife, a sweet Christian lady. Later on, they both accepted the faith, that evil can never perpetuate itself, in the other life, and as the result every soul shall confess, and glorify God forever."

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832. Dea. ANDREW HASKELL<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Freeman<sup>5</sup>, Roland<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>), b. Hardwick, Mass., Mar. 29, 1765; d. Apr. 14, 1846, ae. 81 yrs.; m. Greenwich, Mass., Mar. 14, 1787, Rachel Stetson, who d. there, Aug. 2, 1835, ae. 67 yrs.; and 2d., Rachel Leonard of Oakham, Mass., who d. Oct. 14, 1864, ae. 84 yrs.

Children in Greenwich:

by first wife,

1864. 1. Hetty, b. Feb. 13, 1788; d. May 1857; m. July 6, 1808, Daniel Mills, of Greenwich.

\*1865. 2. CALVIN, b. Oct. 30, 1790.

1866. 3. Cynthia, b. Apr. 13, 1792; m. -----; and d. in Ohio.

1867. 4. Mercy, b. Oct. 13, 1795; m. Artemas Loring of Petersham, Mass., *a farmer*, and d. there.

\*1868. 5. TURNER, b. Apr. 4, 1796.

\*1869. 6. CLARK, b. Apr. 7, 1800.

1870. 7. Lydia, b. Apr. 17, 1802; d. Oct. 4, 1833; m. Oct. 1823, Capt.

Norman Pease of Hartford, Conn.

1871. 8. Mary Fletcher, b. Aug. 16, 1804; d. De Kalb, Ill., Oct. 1870;  
m. Hiram Bundy of Woodstock, Conn.

\*1872. 9. ANDREW HASKELL, b. Oct. 10, 1806.

1873.10. Phebe Powers, b. Apr. 17, 1809; d. Feb. 14, 1831; m. Samuel  
Holt, a portrait painter, of Hartford, Conn.

Mr. Sears was a Deacon in the Church for many years, and led the choir  
for 40 years.

He was a farmer and cooper, and a very exemplary man.

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841. JOSEPH<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Barnabas<sup>5</sup>, Roland<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b.  
Apr. 12, 1769; d. Pelham, Mass., May 14, 1801, ae. 33 yrs.; m. int.  
Pelham, Jan. 8, 1797, Frank Peebles, dau. of James & Rachel (Young) P.,  
she b. Pelham, Sept. 24, 1775.

Child:

1874. 1. James Peebles, b. Pelham, Feb. 2, 1798; d.s.p.

Roland Sears administered upon the estate of Joseph Sears of Pelham,  
and Moses Sears was appointed guardian of James Sears, minor son of  
Joseph Sears.

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842. MOSES<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Barnabas<sup>5</sup>, Roland<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b.  
Hardwick, Mass., Apr. 22, 1771; d. Otisco, Onondaga co., N.Y., Sept. 11,  
1805, ae. 35 yrs.; m. ----- Clark, (who m. 2d., ----- Taylor, and removed  
to Franklin, Pa., and had a son, Judge Charles Taylor.)

Children:

1875. 1. Son.

1876, Daughter; res. Cleveland, Ohio.

1877. Daughter.

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847. BARNABAS<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Barnabas<sup>5</sup>, Roland<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b.  
Greenwich, Mass., May 1, 1782; d. Lockport, N.Y., Oct. 29, 1856, ae. 74

yrs.; m. Bennington, Vt., Sept. 3. 1810, Lucy E. Stone, dau. of Archibald & Rhoda(Dewey) S., she b. there, Dec. 25, 1782; d. Lockport, N.Y., Feb. 18, 1874, ae. 92 yrs.

## Children:

1878. 1. Annis, b. June 18, 1811; d. unmd., June 5, 1833.  
 \*1879. 2. ROWLAND, b. Scipio, N.Y., Mar. 24, 1816.

Mr. Sears when a young man was employed in the U. S. Arsenal in Springfield, Mass.

In 1811, he removed to Scipio, N.Y., and in 1827, to the "Holland Land Purchase," buying a large tract of land near Lockport, N.Y., and after 1829, resided permanently in the village until his death in 1856.

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850. BARNABAS<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Elisha<sup>5</sup>, Roland<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b. Barre, Mass., June 11, 1777; d. Hardwick, Mass., Oct. 3, 1838, ae. 61 yrs.; m. Barre, Oct. 21, 1800, Abigail Witherell, who d. Dec. 4, 1860, ae. 80 yrs.

## Children in Barre:

- \*1880. 1. ASHBEL, b. June 28, 1801.  
 \*1881. 2. SUMNER, b. Feb. 9, 1804.

1882. 3. Enos, b. June 24, 1806; m. Dec. 15, 1825, Patty Stone.

## Children, Sears:

1. Martha M., b. 1830; m. int. Barre, Apr. 20, 1849, David H. Hastings of Holden, Mass.

1883. 4. Alonzo, b. Jan. 28, 1808.

1884. 5. Mary, b. May 1, 1810; m. Nov. 18, 1827, Charles Stone.

1885. 6. Arethusa, b. Dec. 13, 1816; m. Nov. 28, 1832, Stephen Harris.

\*1886. 7. BARNABAS, b. Aug. 12, 1819.

1887. 8. Abigail, b. Apr. 2, 1821; m. Sept. 21, 1841, Charles S. Smith, of Barre.

1887a. 9. Daughter, b. 1823; d. Mar. 13, 1824, ae. 6 mos.

1887b. 10. Mercy, b. Sept. 8, 1824; d. Apr. 19, 1825.

1887c. 11. Caroline H., b. Apr. 18, 1827; d. Apr. 15, 1831.

A grand-daughter of Barnabas Sears married Bishop James T. Peck of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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855. FRANKLIN<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Elisha<sup>5</sup>, Roland<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b.

Barre, Mass., Oct. 3, 1785; d. Livingston co., N.Y., Jan. 4, 1869, ae.

83 yrs.; m. Groveland, N.Y., Dec. 9, 1819, Elizabeth Shadders, she b.

Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 22, 1801; d. Moscow, N.Y., Feb. 9, 1872, ae. 71 yrs.

Children:

1888. 1. Daughter, d. ae. 3 mos.

\*1889. 2. EDMUND WINSLOW, b. Groveland, N.Y., Oct. 9, 1821.

1890. 3. Elizabeth, b. Groveland; m. Harry Ewart; res. there, no children.

1891. 4. William Wallace, b. Groveland, Apr. 21, 1828; m. Margaret Poorman, res. Chatsworth, N.Y.; had 2 sons and 3 daughters.

1892. 5. Jane Maria, b. July 21, 1830; m. D. T. Barnum; res. Moscow, N.Y.  
Children, Barnum:

1. Daniel P., res. Sparta, Ill..

2. Benjamin, was a clerk in Barnum's Iron Works, Detroit, Mich.

3. Daughter, m. Rev. F. Gutelius, a Preb. minister in Moscow.

1893. 6. Julia A., b. Apr. 29, 1833; m. William Crawford; res. Cuyler-ville, N.Y.

1894. 7. Ellen, b. Oct. 26, 1835; d. Mar. 2, 1843.

1895. 8. Mary, b. Oct. 26, 1837; d. 1861; m. Edward O. Bickford, and had a daughter; (he m. again.)

1896. 9. Matilda, d. inf.

Mr. Sears was a shoemaker; removed to Livingston Co., N.Y., where all his children were born.

His wife and all her daughters were Presbyterians.

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859. Capt. STEPHEN<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Stephen<sup>5</sup>, Barnabas<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>)

b. Yarmouth, Mass., Oct. 2, 1765; d. East Dennis, Mass., May 24, 1851,

ae. 85 yrs.; m. Yarmouth, Nov. 10, 1785, Sarah Gorham, dau. of David &

Rebecca (Hamblin) G., she b. June 15, 1767; d. Apr. 1811; and 2d., -----

-----, who d. Jan. 1825.

## Children in Yarmouth, later Dennis:

by Sarah,

1897. 1. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 20, 1786.
1898. 2. Priscilla, b. June 25, 1788; "gone to Methodists," June 22, 1817.
- \*1899. 3. BARNABAS, b. July 3<sup>d</sup>, 1790.
1900. 4. Lydia, b. Sept. 3, 1792; d. Oct. 1, 1826.
1901. 5. David Gorham, b. Nov. 16, 1794; m. Yarmouth, Nov. 30, 1822, Nabby Miller.
- \*1902. 6. ALMOND, (Alfred, Ch. Reg.) b. May 1, 1798.
1903. 7. Stephen, b. Mar. 16, 1800; d. Dec. 8, 1800, *ae. 8 mos. 9 days, 9 hrs.*
- \*1904. 8. STEPHEN, b. July 5, 1804.

Stephen Sears was early at sea, and was a thorough sea-faring man. He was engaged in the fishing and coasting business during the war of 1812, was captured ~~by the British~~, shipwrecked, and encountered many reverses.

During the war of 1812, he went to the Mediterranean with a cargo of fish. The Spaniards seized his vessel and cargo, but sent him to America, landing him near Wilmington, N.C., to return home on foot.

"Capt. Stephen Sears, Schr. Ranger, David Kelly, owner, allowed bounty on 9 tons & 24 gallons White Sperm Oil, Boston, Mar. 31, 1787."

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863. JOHN<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Richard<sup>5</sup>, Silas<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b. prob. in Mass., Feb. 22, 1773; d. Monkton, Vt., Dec. 1, 1852, in his 80th yr.; m. Betsy Chapman, she b. 1778; d. Monkton, Oct. 28, 1842, in her 65th yr.

## Children:

1905. 1. Edmund, b. Hinesburg, Vt.; was drowned in Lewis creek near Charlotte, Vt., *ae.* about 9 yrs.

1906. 2. Betty, b. Hinesburg; d. *ae.* 3 mos.

1907. 3. Harriet, b. Hinesburg, Apr. 7, 1798; d. Nov. 22, 1847, *ae.* 49 yrs.; m. there, Jan. 1, 1815, Harvey Vidito, he b. Cambridge, N.Y., July 16, 1796; was a carpenter, and d. Starksboro, Vt., Nov. 25, 1880, *ae.* 84 yrs.; "both good Methodists."

## Children, Vidito:

1. Cornelia, b. Oct. 1, 1816; m. Nov. 8, 1839, Prentiss Waldo, he b. Moriah, N.Y.; was a blacksmith and farmer, and a prominent man in the Methodist Church.

## Children, Waldo:

1. Lucius, b. Mar. 1841; d. inf.

2. Melinda, b. Mar. 8, 1818; d. July 17, 1820.
3. Clarinda, b. Jan. 22, 1821; d. Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 7, 1842, ae. 21 yrs.; m. Williston, Vt., Feb. 18, 1841, Chester Wells, he b. there, was a farmer.
4. Jane, b. Mar. 14, 1823; d. unmd., Williston, Vt., May 18, 1844.
5. Harvey, b. Apr. 14, 1825; d. San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 17, 1857.
6. Laura, b. Feb. 1, 1827, d. Williston, May 22, 1842.
7. Lucius, b. Feb. 1, 1827, twin; d. Sept. 27, 1828.
8. Huldah, b. Dec. 28, 1828; d. Mar. 18, 1832.
9. Byron, b. Mar. 10, 1831; d. Mar. 19, 1832.
10. Welcome, b. Sept. 12, 1833; d. July 4, 1849.
11. Phila, b. Apr. 18, 1836; m. Nov. 13, 1862, Alfred W. Bostwick, he b. Aug. 15, 1815; d.s.p. Starksboro, Vt., Mar. 11, 1883.
12. Elida, b. Mar. 2, 1838; d. Aug. 5, 1853.

1908. 4. Aurelia, b. Hinesburg; d. Dickinson, N.Y.; m. Joseph Browne, he b. in Canada; res. Charlotte, Vt.

Children, Browne:

~~1. Thomas, b. Apr. 11, 1849; m. Grand Rapids, Wis.,~~

1. Minerva, b. July 27, 1823; m. Williston, Vt., Jan. 15, 1848, Thomas Bell, he b. Ottawa, Can., 1820; res. Sparta, Wis.

Children, Bell:

1. Thomas, b. Apr. 11, 1849; m. Grand Rapids, Wis., 1878, Julia Trace, she b. Wausum, Wis., 1845; d. 1885.

2. Joseph, b. July 18, 1850; m. 1883, Stella Beach; he is a R. R. bridge-builder.

3. Benjamin, b. 1851; is a surveyor.

4. Nellie, b. 1854; is a teacher.

5. John S., b. 1861; is a teacher.

6. Aurelia, b. 1866; is a teacher.

2. Simeon, b. 1825; res. Sparta, Wis.

3. Aurelia, b. 1827; d.

4. Joseph, b. 1831; res. Minneapolis, Minn.

5. Hubert, b. 1833.

6. Child.

\*1909. 5. HIRAM, b. Hinesburg, Vt.

1910. 6. Caroline, b. Charlotte, Vt., Oct. 21, 1806; d. there, Jan. 13, 1872, ae. 65 yrs.; m. Hinesburg, July 15, 1830, Byron Sutton, he b. Shelburne, Vt., May 6, 1800; d. Feb. 9, 1858.

Children, Sutton:

1. Lucretia, b. May 17, 1831; d. Oct. 5, 1876; m. May 27, 1852, Nathaniel G. Norton, he b. Hinesburg, Feb. 3, 1831; is proprietor of the "Island Mills," Vergennes, Vt.; (he m. 2d., his sister-in-law, Sarah A. Sutton.)

Children, Norton:

1. Emma Amanda, b. Nov. 29, 1852; d. May 28, 1856.

2. Ella Caroline, b. Dec. 19, 1854; d. Dec. 9, 1864.

3. John Nathaniel, b. Oct. 9, 1856; m. Aug. 29, 1884, Lizzie E. Horton.

4. Eugene Galen, b. May 1, 1859; m. June 19, 1883, Carrie F. Foster.

5. Lilla Imogene, b. June 7, 1861; d. July 28, 1863.
  6. Imogene Lucretia, b. July 8, 1865; d. Dec. 26, 1865.
  7. Arthur William, b. May 8, 1867.
  8. Son, b. Aug. 5, 1869; d. Aug. 26, 1869.
  9. May Cornelia, b. Feb. 20, 1871.
  2. James B., b. Sept. 10, 1832; m. June 16, 1858, Abbie M. Slocumb.  
Children, ~~Slocumb~~: *Sutton*:
    1. George S., b. May 19, 1859.
    2. Emma M., b. Sept. 28, 1862.
    3. Walter E., b. Aug. 24, 1864.
    4. Benjamin F., b. May 9, 1868.
    5. Fannie M., b. June 19, 1874.
  3. John M., b. Dec. 22, 1833; d. in Union Army, Apr. 25, 1863.
  4. Benjamin F., b. Aug. 10, 1835; grad. Med. Univ. Vt., 1860;  
m. Nov. 19, 1860, Fannie E. Smith, dau. of Luman B. S.,  
of Monkton, Vt., res. Middlebury, Vt.  
Children, Sutton:
    1. Lucia Caroline, b. Jan. 8, 1862; m. July 15, 1885, John  
H. Stewart of Middlebury.
  5. Sarah A., b. Nov. 4, 1836; m. 1878, Nathaniel G. Norton, her  
bro-in-law; no children.
  6. George T., b. Nov. 25, 1837; grad. Univ. Vt., 1861; m. Feb.  
24, 1864, Julia L. Hubbard, she b. Greenwich, N.Y., Apr.  
20, 1838; he was a minister of the Meth. Epis. Ch, Starks-  
boro, Vt.  
Children, Sutton:
    1. James Brainard, b. Nov. 4, 1864.
    2. Caroline Miller, b. Dec. 13, 1865.
    3. Mary Frances, b. Feb. 11, 1867; m. Luther D. Knox.
    4. Cornelia Jemima, b. Jan. 17, 1871; d. Sept. 2, 1871.
    5. Cornelia Jemima, b. June 4, 1872.
    6. George Byron, b. Mar. 13, 1879.
    7. Jessie May, b. Mar. 9, 1881.
  7. Caroline M., b. Oct. 18, 1840; m. July 2, 1861, Abel Warren  
Jennison, he b. St. Lawrence Co., N.Y., Feb. 22, 1839;  
res. Janesville, Minn.  
Children, Jennison:
    1. Alice Caroline, b. Sept. 13, 1862.
    2. John Wesley, b. Feb. 24, 1865.
    3. Jessie Mabel, b. Sept. 30, 1869; d. July 10, 1870.
    4. Sarah Sutton, b. Dec. 25, 1876; d. May 20, 1877.
  8. Frederic M., b. Feb. 28, 1844; d. Mar. 24, 1845.
  9. Cornelia J., b. Mar. 29, 1846; d. Dec. 28, 1870.
1911. 7. Cassius, b. Charlotte, Vt.; m. N.Y. city, Adeline Gruna; had a  
son, and they were all lost at sea; he was a machinist.
1912. 8. John, b. Charlotte; was a saddler, and d. unmd., Monkton, Vt.,  
Feb. 27, 1834.
1913. 9. Emeline, b. Hinesburg, Vt.; m. 1837, John Thomas Moore of Middle-  
bury, Vt., he b. in Ireland; she d. Monkton, Mar. 9, 1842.  
Child, Moore:
  1. John T., b. 1837; d. unmd., Monkton, ~~Oct. 17, 1861~~ Mar. 4, 1861;  
was a Methodist preacher.

1914. 10. Mary Elizabeth, b. Hinesburg, 1816; d. ummd., Monkton, Oct. 17, 1841; was a teacher.

1915. 11. Anna B., b. Hinesburg, Feb. 17, 1817; d. Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 11, 1881; m. Aug. 8, 1838, David L. Fisk of Dickinson, Vt.; she was a teacher, and a devoted member of the Meth. Epis. Ch. Children, Fisk:

1. George William, b. June 13, 1839.

2. Wallace Wilbur, b. Jan. 20, 1841; m. Mrs. Melissa D. Mason.

Children, Fisk:

1. Desdemona Grace, b. Feb. 1, 1874.

2. Jessie Hoyt, b. Apr. 4, 1875; d. Sept. 19, 1877.

3. Pearly May, b. Mar. 27, 1877.

3. Ella Maria, b. Aug. 15, 1843; m. Oct. 22, 1870, Jerome Jefferson Jones; and 2d., Apr. 1, 1880, James H. Slawson.

Children, Jones:

1. Julia Margaret, b. Feb. 21, 1874; d. Apr. 14, 1875.

2. Julietta.

Children, Slawson:

3. Charles Meek, b. Mar. 2, 1881; d. July 19, 1881.

4. Dottie May, b. June 7, 1882.

5. Lewis Gwinn, b. June 22, 1884.

4. Emma Frances, b. Apr. 4, 1847; m. Dec. 25, 1869, Peter Pfeiffer.

Children, Pfeiffer:

1. George W., b. Sept. 30, 1870.

2. Charles A., b. Apr. 18, 1872.

3. Rosabel, b. Dec. 14, 1873.

4. Francis Sessions, b. Nov. 1, 1875.

5. Jennie, b. Mar. 27, 1878; d. Jan. 10, 1885.

6. Clara Pearl, b. Oct. 2, 1881.

7. Son.

5. Sarah Ann, b. Feb. 1, 1851.

1916. 12. Rufus Chapman, b. Hinesburg, Dec. 15, 1818; d. Monkton, Aug. 29, 1839.

\*1917. 13. HENRY LEE, b. Hinesburg, Mar. 24, 1820.

John Sears was apprenticed to Godfrey Stocks, a cord-wainer, of Schoharie, N.Y., and after learning his trade returned to Vermont, and died in Monkton. He was a man of considerable ability, and a great reader.

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864. RICHARD<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Richard<sup>5</sup>, Silas<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b.

probably in Mass., Oct. 9, 1775; d. Rome, N.Y., May 2, 1830, and was buried in the old City Cemetery; m. Feb. 1798, Mary Ash of Conn., she b. Oct. 14, 1782; d. Camden, N.Y., June 8, 1845, and was buried in Westmoreland, N.Y.

Children in Rome:



1918. 1. Mary, b. Dec. 25, 1798; d. Albany, N.Y., July 27, 1832; m. Rome, N.Y., Nov. 10, 1825, Alfred Estey, a Scotchman.  
Child, Estey:  
1. Harriet, d.s.p. Camden, N.Y.

\*1919. 2. RICHARD, b. Aug. 21, 1801.

1920. 3. Jonas, b. Feb. 24, 1804; d. unmd., Mar. 20, 1833.

\*1921. 4. Silas, b. Aug. 8, 1806.

1922. 5. Priscilla, b. Jan. 28, 1810; d. Jan. 7, 1837; m. Jan. 1, 1832, Orin Hungerford of Henderson, N.Y.  
Child, Hungerford:  
1. Orin, removed to Texas.

1923. 6. Sabrina, b. July 8, 1812; d. Westmoreland, N.Y., Mar. 30, 1851; m. there, Sept. 26, 1831, Reuben Seelye, son of Daniel & Betsey (Doolittle) S., he b. Jan. 19, 1811; d. Nov. 24, 1858; (he m. 2d., Aug. 12, 1851, Abby D. Dunham.)

Children, Seelye:

1. Henry, b. Oct. 2, 1832; d. Nov. 24, 1853.
2. Mary E., b. May 1, 1834; d. Mar. 15, 1847.
3. Nancy M., b. Feb. 6, Nov. 4, 1836; d. Feb. 4, 1853.
4. Martha M., b. Feb. 6, 1839; d. Sept. 16, 1839.
5. Norman, b. Sept. 24, 1840; m. Clinton, N.Y., Mar. 24, 1869, Martha Egan; he served in N.Y. Heavy Art'y during the war.

Child, Seelye:

1. Edith Mabel, b. Aug. 21, 1870.
6. Duane, b. Oct. 20, 1842; d. in U.S. Army, at Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 15, 1862.
7. Rispah O., b. Apr. 7, 1845; m. Nov. 18, 1869, Alpha P. Powers of Adrian, Mich., he b. Cleveland, Ohio, June 14, 1847; d. Adrian, Apr. 11, 1872; and 2d., Aug. 16, 1882, Charles F. Crozier, he b. Piqua, Ohio, Jan. 13, 1854; d.s.p. Jan. 4, 1886; she res. near Aberdeen, Dakota.  
Child, Powers:  
1. Eddie A., b. June 18, 1871.

1924. 7. John Ash, b. Aug. 26, 1820; d. unmd., Aug. 20, 1845.

\*1925. 8. WALTER S., b. Oct. 19, 1823.

Richard Sears removed with his father to the vicinity of Hoosick, Rensselaer co., N.Y., and later to Rome, Oneida co., N.Y., then known as Fort Stanwix, there being at that time but one house outside of the Fort. His wife was blind for many years previous to her death.

*He was a farmer, and a Methodist.*

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865. ORANGE<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Richard<sup>5</sup>, Silas<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b.

Amherst, Mass., Dec. 4, 1776; d. Lyons, N.Y., 1854; m. Valley Falls, N.Y.,

1809, Mrs. Annis (Bissell) Silliman, widow of Robert S., and dau. of Col.

Bissell, (who was on Washington's Staff,) she b. Litchfield, Conn.,  
July 29, 1782; d. West Butler, N.Y., Sept. 17, 1841.

Children:

1926. 1. Orin, b. Valley Falls, N.Y., Nov. 27, 1810; d. unmd., Aug. 1839.
- \*1927. 2. OSCAR, b. Arlington, Vt., June 23, 1812.
1928. 3. Amanda, b. Valley Falls, Mar. 1, 1815; d. Oct. 12, 1869; m.  
Dec. 25, 1836, Merritt Purdy of Pittstown, N.Y., who d. 1873;  
an honored citizen and J.P.; res. West Butler, N.Y.
- Children, Purdy:
1. Charles E., b. Dec. 31, 1837; m. Feb. 24, 1863, Mary Chatfield;  
no children.
2. Maria, b. Nov. 16, 1840; m. Sept. 8, 1865, Dr. Washington  
Freeman Peck, he b. Calen, N.Y., Jan. 22, 1841; d. Dec.  
12, 1891; res. Davenport, Iowa.
- Children, Peck:
1. Jessie Allen, b. Oct. 11, 1866.
2. Mary Alida, b. Dec. 25, 1868.
3. Robertson Irish, b. July 6, 1871.
3. Caroline, b. Apr. 17, 1842; d. May 18, 1845.
4. Robert.
5. Hiram J., b. Jan. 18, 1847; Dr.; m. Dec. 19, 1867, Emma R.  
Roberts; res. Seneca Falls, N.Y.
- Child, Purdy:
1. Alice Amanda, b. July 11, 1872.
- \*1929. 4. HIRAM, b. Valley Falls, July 17, 1818.

Mr. Sears was a wagon-builder.

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867. SILAS<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Richard<sup>5</sup>, Silas<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b.  
Mass., Feb. 10, 1781; d. Orwell, Bradford co., Pa., Apr. 10, 1830, gr-st.;  
m. Brunswick, Rensselaer co., N.Y., 1801, Sallie Roberts of Albany, N.Y.,  
she b. Mar. 10, 1781; d. at the residence of John Gray, Sept. 20, 1855.

Children born near Schoharie, N.Y.:

- 1929a. 1. Mary, b. Aug. 8, 1802; d. Aug. 5, 1807.
- 1929b. 2. Betsy, b. Nov. 22, 1805; d. near Dimock, Pa., Feb. 4, 1874; m.  
there, 1825, John Gray, he b. Groton, Conn., Mar. 3, 1803; rem.  
to Orwell, Pa., Mar. 10, 1828, and thence to Dimock, Pa., May 2,  
1840, where he d. Mar. 14, 1889.
- Children, Gray:
1. Jonas A., b. Apr. 12, 1827; m. Brooklyn, Pa., Aug. 16, 1862,  
Caroline Allander of Harrisburg, Pa.

2. Silas P., b. Orwell, Pa., Sept. 13, 1828; d. Cascade Valley, Broome co., N.Y., Jan. 4, 1885; m. Binghamton, N.Y., Feb. 22, 1849, Elizabeth Hoffman of N.Y. city.
3. Child, d. inf.
4. Child, d. inf.

1929c. 3. Maria, b. Apr. 4, 1808; m. near Schoharie, N.Y., Silas Asa H. Edgumbe, and rem. to Shelby, Macomb co., Mich., where she d. Feb. 9, 1826.

Child, Edgumbe:

1. Silas Asa,

1929d. 4. Mary Ann, b. July 30, 1814; m. Rome tp., Bradford co., Pa., May 31, 1831, Hiram Washburn, he b. Trumansburg, on Cayuga Lake, N.Y., 1807; d. 1877; she res. with her dau. Mrs. Theodore Clark, near Camptown, Bradford co., Pa.

Children, Washburn:

1. Silas Henry, b. Sept. 23, 1832.
2. Sarah Maria, b. June 2, 1834; m. 1858, Jesse H. Brewster.
3. Ella, b. Dec. 22, 1836; d. ae. 2 yrs.
4. Hiram M., b. Dec. 17, 1837; d. unmd., July 17, 1878.
5. Ellen, b. Oct. 14, 1839; m. ----- Ryerson, and has 3 children.
6. Elizabeth H., b. May 18, 1841; m. Chemung, N.Y., May 18, 1866, Alanson H. Simpson of Seneca Falls, N.Y., who d. Jersey city, N.J., Feb. 23, 1875; and 2d., Apr. 13, 1880, Theodore Clark, who d. July 8, 1889.
7. John, b. Apr. 18, 1843; m. Hannah Ryan, and had 5 children.
8. Jonas, b. Nov. 15, 1845; d. Jan. 20, 1860.
9. George A., b. Mar. 17, 1847.
10. Charles, b. May 10, 1849; m. 1872, Lucy Ross, had 2 children.
11. Mary Ann, b. June 3, 1851; d. Dec. 1870.
12. Raymond, b. May 22, 1853; d. Oct. 19, 1863.
13. Roxanna, b. Sept. 6, 1855; d. Aug. 14, 1871.

1929e. 5. Ellen, b. Mar. 18, 1818; d. Oct. 3, 1840; m. Susquehanna co., Pa., Sept. 14, 1840, Orin J. Ross.

1929f. 6. Emeline, b. Nov. 20, 1822; d. Apr. 22, 1853; m. Wyalusing tp., Bradford co., Pa., May 18, 1841, her bro-in-law, Orin J. Ross, he b. Apr. 27, 1814; d. May 6, 1889.

Children, Ross:

1. George L., b. May 8, 1842; m. Dec. 25, 1866, Cennette A. Kipp.

Children, Ross:

1. Minnie B., b. Feb. 5, 1868.
2. Della, b. July 16, 1871.
2. Ellen, b. Mar. 23, 1845; d. Jan. 1, 1865.
3. Edgar A., b. June 18, 1847.

Mr. Sears emigrated with his parents to New York State, and settled near Schoharie, removing to Orwell, Bradford co., Pa., in 1829.

He was a wagon-maker by trade, and a Methodist in religion.

His residence was near the Presbyterian Church in Orwell.

His will dated Feb. 20, 1830, was proved Apr. 30, 1830, and names wife Sally, and daus. Mary Ann, Betsy Gray, Elly and Emeline.

His heirs preserve some relics, furniture, books etc., which belonged

to their grand-father Richard Sears, the Revolutionary soldier.

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869. ABNER<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Richard<sup>5</sup>, Silas<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b. probably in Mass., June 15, 1787; d. near Naples, Ill., Aug. 22, 1842, in his 56th yr.; m. near Troy, N.Y., Dec. 30, 1807, Mary Van Pelt, dau. of Alexander & Hannah Van P., she b. Essex co., N.J., Mar. 6, 1789; d. Aug. 3, 1865, in her 77th yr.; (her father was a thriving blacksmith, and an honored local preacher, in the Methodist Church, in and about the City of Troy, during many years.)

Children:

1930. 1. Charlotte, b. Rens. co., N.Y., July 9, 1809; rem. with her parents to Yankeetown, Ohio, in the fall of 1818; m. there, Apr. 24, 1825, John Davis, he b. Pickaway co., Ohio, Jan. 24, 1800; d. near Mt. Pleasant, Ill., Feb. 21, 1886, in his 87th yr.; he was a farmer, and a Methodist; she d. there, Apr. 16, 1873, was a member of the Methodist Church.

Children, Davis:

1. Diantha, b. July 22, 1826; d.s.p. Oct. 23, 1853; m. Abram H. Scholl, who d. Oct. 28, 1855.
2. Rachel, b. Nov. 28, 1827; m. Simon Peter Beckmann, who d. Apr. 10, 1873; res. Main Prairie, Minn.

Children, Beckmann:

1. Diantha, d. inf.
2. John, d. inf.
3. Mary, d. inf.
4. Levi, d. inf.
5. Washington, m. Nellie Greeley, res. Main Prairie, Minn.
6. Addison, d. inf.
7. Addie, m. Aug. 15, 1879, George R. Whiteside.
8. Mary Frances.
3. James, b. Sept. 2, 1829; res. Ketchum, Idaho.
4. Alexander, b. Nov. 20, 1831; d. Aug. 20, 1832.
5. Mary Jane, b. Sept. 8, 1833; d. June 16, 1868; m. Jan. 4, 1855, William N. Muxford, he b. Newport, N.S., Jan. 26, 1824; was Capt. Co. E., 119th Reg. Ill. Vols., during the war; (he m. 2d., Apr. 4, 1869, Mrs. Rebecca Poe, dau. of Rev. Granville Bond.)

Children, Muxford:

1. Augustus, b. Oct. 23, 1856<sup>5</sup>; m. Nov. 1, 1883, Armintha Petty.
2. William, b. Oct. 25, 1858; m. Sept. 4, 1883, Kate Barry.
3. Mary Estelle, b. Jan. 14, 1861; d. June 11, 1862.
4. Lorena Belle, b. Dec. 1, 1862; d. Oct. 13, 1864.
5. Charlotte, b. Dec. 31, 1865; m. Oct. 1, 1884, Arthur K. Thompson.

6. William H. b. Dec. 9, 1836; m. Mar. 10, 1864, Cordelia M. Lee, she b. June 26, 1842; he was in ~~the~~ 119th Reg., Co. E., Ill. Vols., during the war.

Children, Davis:

1. Lee, b. Dec. 30, 1864; d. Sept. 12, 1865.
  2. Albertie, b. Oct. 15, 1866; d. Sept. 10, 1868.
  3. Homer, b. Feb. 3, 1869; d. Mar. 21, 1869.
  4. William, b. June 16, 1870.
  5. George C., b. Jan. 10, 1876.
7. Abner, b. Jan. 15, 1839; d. Jan. 28, 1839.
8. Milton, b. Oct. 13, 1841; d. unmd., Aug. 17, 1863; was a Corporal in Co. G., 3d Reg., Ill. Vols.
9. Hiram, b. Mar. 22, 1844; m. Mar. 27, 1876, Nancy Ellen Hahn, she b. June 8, 1852; he was in Co. E., 119th Reg., Ill. Vols., was wounded at Fort Blakesley, Ala., Apr. 9, 1865, and discharged from Greenville Hospital, La., June 18, 1865.
- Children, Davis:
1. Lottie, b. June 16, 1877.
  2. Lena, b. Nov. 29, 1878.
  3. Hiram Frederic, b. Aug. 1, 1880.
  4. Lulu, b. Dec. 31, 1882.
  5. William Arthur, b. Dec. 27, 1884.
10. Samuel, b. Jan. 28, 1847; d. Jan. 20, 1852.
11. Jerome, b. Feb. 26, 1849; d. Mar. 11, 1859.
12. John H., b. Mar. 23, 1850.

1931. 2. Angeline, b. Duaneburg, N.Y., Nov. 26, 1810; d. Aug. 4, 1813.  
*near Cherry Valley, from an accident.*

1932. 3. Diantha, b. Duaneburg, N.Y., Mar. 30, 1812; m. Yanketown, Ohio, Oct. 14, 1830, Henry L. Farmer, he b. near Chillicothe, Ohio, July 19, 1809; rem. to Warsaw, Ind., in 1837, and to Montezuma, Iowa, in 1856; he was a farmer, and an honored member and officer of the United Brethren Church; he d. near Ewart, Iowa, July 25, 1883; she res. near Montezuma, and is a faithful member of the U. B. Church. *She removed with her parents to Madison, Ohio, in 1818.*

Children, Farmer:

1. Joseph, b. Oct. 4, 1831; m. Sept. 22, 1850, Jemima E. Linn, had no children, but adopted Anna Laura -----; he became a popular and useful minister in the U. B., and d. Feb. 15, 1861; his widow m. 2d., Martin Trindell.
  2. John Wesley, b. Dec. 22, 1833; m. Aug. 12, 1855, Sarah G. Arnold, she b. Aug. 8, 1836; d. Oct. 14, 1880; and 2d., Nov. 20, 1884, Alice Virginia Hunnicutt, she b. Apr. 4, 1850; he enlisted in the Union Army, as a private in 1862, and was promoted to 1st Lt., has been twice Sheriff of the County.
- Children, Farmer:
1. Andrew M., b. Apr. 23, 1856; m. 1877, Ella M. Holcomb.
  2. Joel T., b. Oct. 5, 1860; d. Dec. 14, 1862.
  3. Madge B., b. Jan. 13, 1868.
  4. Alfred T., b. June 27, 1880; d. Dec. 18, 1880.
3. Lewis W., b. Jan. 20, 1836; m. Jan. 23, 1859, Louisa Farmer; he was in Co. ~~D~~, 40th Reg. Iowa Vols.

## Children, Farmer:

1. Elmira C., b. Nov. 13, 1859; m. Mar. 3, 1878, John H. Palmer.
2. Ida, b. May 29, 1861; m. Mar. 2, 1882, Archibald J. Finch.
3. James J., b. July 26, 1863.
4. Clara A., b. Sept. 3, 1866.
5. Charles E., b. Apr. 5, 1870.
6. Nellie J., b. June 23, 1872.
4. Mary Catharine, b. July 25, 1838; m. Apr. 11, 1858, Joseph W. Gwinn, J.P. and Not. Pub.  
Children, Gwinn:
  1. Henry T., b. Dec. 28, 1858.
  2. Diantha M., b. Aug. 6, 1860; m. June 13, 1884, William T. Collins.
  3. Jemima R., b. Sept. 18, 1861; m. Sept. 20, 1885, Seneca S. Maple.
  4. Effa A., b. Sept. 3, 1862.
  5. Ida M., b. Sept. 19, 1864.
  6. William G., b. May 23, 1868.
  7. Leovell A., b. Feb. 22, 1870; d. Feb. 14, 1871.
  8. Daughter, b. July 25, 1873; d. Aug. 17, 1873.
  9. Grace D., b. Mar. 16, 1878.
5. Julia Elizabeth, b. June 22, 1841; m. Apr. 29, 1860, John Butts.  
Children, Butts:
  1. Diantha J., b. Mar. 6, 1861; d. Jan. 9, 1871.
  2. William H., b. July 29, 1863.
  3. Anthony M., b. July 26, 1866.
  4. Homer E., b. Jan. 31, 1873.
6. Susan, b. Mar. 23, 1843; d. Nov. 22, 1843.
7. Charlotte M., b. May 27, 1846; m. May 9, 1869, George M. Stevens.  
Children, Stevens:
  1. Oscar O., b. Nov. 4, 1870.
  2. Howard W., b. Jan. 9, 1872.
  3. John L., b. Mar. 7, 1873; d. Oct. 9, 1873.
  4. Ida F., b. Dec. 31, 1874.
  5. Miles M., b. May 27, 1876.
  6. Edgar E., b. Aug. 30, 1877.
  7. Otho R., b. Apr. 23, 1879.
  8. Ida F., b. Mar. 10, 1881.
  9. Thaddeus Stevens, b. Feb. 20, 1883.
8. Abner Sears, b. Aug. 30, 1848; d. Apr. 7, 1886; m. Mar. 7, 1872, Harriet M. Bryan.  
Children, Farmer:
  1. Martha E., b. Dec. 29, 1872.
  2. Charles M., b. Dec. 2, 1874.
  3. Edith M., b. Jan. 31, 1878.
  4. Joseph R., b. Feb. 27, 1883.

\*1933. 4. ALEXANDER, b. near Cherry Valley, N.Y., Mar. 16, 1814.

\*1934. 5. WASHINGTON, b. near Cherry Valley, N.Y., June 3, 1816.

1935. 6. Hannah Jane, b. near Cherry Valley, N.Y., Mar. 1, 1818; rem. with her parents to Yankeetown, Ohio, in the fall of 1818, and to near Naples, Ill., in fall of 1836; m. there, Aug. 8, 1844, James G. Killpatrick of Winchester, Ill., he b. Franklin co., Ohio, Sept. 2, 1820; was a red potter by trade; rem. to vicinity of Maroa, Ill., and became a farmer. He was a brother of Lt. Col. Thomas M. Killpatrick of Ill., and a relative of Gen. K., of the U.S. Army, and d. Mar. 8, 1863; his wife a noble Christian woman, d. Nov. 30, 1879, and was buried with her husband in Winchester. Children, Killpatrick:

1. Mary Malvina, b. July 12, 1845; d. Sept. 2, 1852.
2. Thomas William, b. Oct. 18, 1847; d. Sept. 8, 1852.
3. James Addison, b. Dec. 26, 1849; m. Feb. 5, 1879, Mary Elizabeth Green, dau. of Thomas & Mary G., she b. Feb. 5, 1855; no children.
4. Matilda Jane, b. Feb. 19, 1851; d. Apr. 3, 1852.
5. Vesta Angeline, b. Apr. 18, 1853.
6. Eliza Caroline, b. Jan. 16, 1855; d. unmd., Apr. 15, 1882.
7. Frank Eby, b. Mar. 12, 1857; d. July 30, 1883.
8. Hiram David, b. Aug. 27, 1859; m. Feb. 2, 1882, Julia Etta Burrus; had 2 children, who d. inf.

\*1936. 7. RICHARD RENSELLAER, b. Yankeetown, Ohio, Nov. 5, 1819.

1937. 8. Angeline, b. Yankeetown, Ohio, Sept. 10, 1822; removed with her parents to vicinity of Naples, Ill., in the fall of 1836; was educated at the Meth. Female Coll., Jacksonville, Ill., and d. near Naples, Aug. 20, 1852, unmd.; was a teacher and a devoted member of the Meth. Ch.

\*1938. 9. HIRAM, b. Yankeetown, Ohio, Apr. 10, 1825.

1939.10. Caroline, b. Yankeetown, Ohio, Apr. 30, 1827; rem. with her parents to the vicinity of Naples, Ill., in the fall of 1836, and m. there, Aug. 10, 1843, Henry B. Morrison, a farmer; res. Monticello, Ill., both were devoted members of the Meth. Ch. Children, Morrison:

1. Alexander Franklin, b. Dec. 24, 1844; he served in the Union Army; was a book-keeper in the Monticello Bank; m. Oct. 2, 1865, Maggie Shurtleff of Clinton, Ill. Children, Morrison:
  1. Lillian, b. Oct. 2, 1866; d. inf.
  2. Henry Baker, b. and d. inf.
  3. Emily Estelle, b. Aug. 27, 1869.
  4. Blanche, b. Jan. 9, 1871.
  5. Sylvanus Shurtleff, b. Jan. 22, 1874.
  6. Mabel Frances, b. Feb. 1, 1880.
2. John Washington, b. Nov. 16, 1846; d. Oct. 17, 1848.
3. Mary Angeline, b. Feb. 26, 1849; m. Nov. 23, 1875, Rev. Thomas J. Coultas of the Ill. Conf. M. E. Ch. Children, Coultas:
  1. Aldo Bliss, b. Mar. 10, 1877.
  2. Edna Berenice, b. Mar. 16, 1879.
  3. Lotas Bertena, b. Dec. 8, 1883.

4. James Addison, b. Apr. 3, 1852; d. July 4, 1854.
5. Matilda Jane, b. Apr. 3, 1852, twin; d. Oct. 1, 1855.
6. Louisa Adelaide, b. Jan. 16, 1854; d. Feb. 20, 1855.
7. Edna Alethea, b. Aug. 3, 1857; m. Nov. 12, 1879, Rev.

Joseph W. Cornish of the Minn. Conf. M. E. Ch.

Children, Cornish:

1. Edna Belle, b. Feb. 13, 1881.
2. Carrie Josephine, b. Jan. 9, 1883.
3. Thomas Kynett, b. Mar. 14, 1884.
8. Julia Elizabeth, b. Oct. 21, 1858; m. Sept. 7, 1880, Prof. Franklin F. Roose of Lincoln, Neb.; had a child, d. inf.
9. Ida Caroline, b. Sept. 18, 1860; m. June 14, 1882, S. W. Battelle of Quincy, Ill.

Children, Battelle:

1. William Morrison, b. Nov. 17, 1883.
2. Joseph Ernest, b. Sept. 4, 1886.

\*1940. 11. ADDISON, b. Yankeetown, Ohio, Jan. 1, 1830.

Abner Sears lived for a time in Rensselaer, Schenectady and Otsego counties, New York, working at his trade of wagon-building.

In the fall of 1818, he emigrated to Ohio, and settled in Yankeetown, Madison township, Fayette co., and became a thrifty farmer, removing in the fall of 1836, to the vicinity of Naples, Morgan, now Scott co., Illinois.

He was an honored member and exhorter in the Methodist Church.

His wife was a woman of remarkable ability for planning wisely in the industrious and religious cultivation of the family.

She is said to have been a second cousin of the late Maj. Anderson, the hero of Fort Sumter, and connected on her mother's side with the family of Richard Stockton, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

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870. BARNABAS<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Barnabas<sup>5</sup>, Silas<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b.

Hardwick, Mass., 1787; d. Savannah, Ga., Sept. 20, 1820, of yellow fever;

m. Pelham, Mass., May 21, 1818, Mary Gray.

Child:

\*1941. 1. CHARLES OLIVER, b. Hadley, Mass., Jan. 29, 1819.

Polly Sears was appointed administratrix of the estate of Barnabas Sears, Jr., of Pelham, Mar. 6, 1821; Barnabas Sears and William M. Gray, sureties.

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876. SARDIS<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Barnabas<sup>5</sup>, Silas<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b.

Hardwick, Mass., 1802; d. Mar. 18, 1861, ae. 59 yrs.; m. -----.

Children:



1942. 1. Rosanna, m. Hubbard Lawrence of Hadley, Mass.

1943. 2. Idella, m. Charles Snow of Ware, Mass.

1944. 3. Henry, b. 184<sup>5</sup>; res. in Shutesbury, Mass.; was in Co. D., 27th Mass. Vols., and was transferred to the V. R. C., Feb. 17, 1865.

1945. 4. Frank, removed to New Hampshire.

1946. 5. Arthur, b. 1846; enlisted in Co. D., 27th reg., Mass. Vols., Aug. 15, 1862, and d. Amherst, Mass., June 22, 1864. (Muster Roll says, Dec. 29, 1862.)

1947. 6. Clarence.

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877. NATHAN<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Barnabas<sup>5</sup>, Silas<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b.

Hardwick, Mass., May 31, 1807; d. Amherst, Mass., Jan. 20, 1878, ae.

71 yrs.; m. Leverett, Mass., Feb. 2, 1842, Julia A. Field, she b. there, Sept. 29, 1811.

Children:

1948. 1. Elizabeth E., b. Feb. 15, 1843; m. Brattleboro, Vt., Feb. 21, 1860, John E. Guestin of Amherst, Mass., he b. Canada, Dec. 25, 1832.

Children, Guestin:

1. Edward A., b. Sept. 6, 1862; d. July 27, 1864.

2. Cora L., b. Sept. 23, 1866; m. Keene, N.H., May 8, 1883, Frank J. Ingram, he b. Amherst, Mass., May 6, 1861.

3. Lena H., b. Mar. 28, 1870.

1949. 2. Erastus F., b. May 18, 1845.

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878. HOLMES<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Edward<sup>5</sup>, Edward<sup>4</sup>, Josiah<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b.

Halifax, Mass., July 13, 1757; d. there, Nov. 5, 1836, ae. 79 yrs., gr-st.;

m. Mar. 18, 1781, Mercy Cushing of Halifax, who d. Sept. 13, 1788, in her

33d yr., gr-st.; and 2d., Plymouth, Mass., Nov. 25, 1790, Mercy Bradford,

dau. of John & Elizabeth (Holmes) B., she b. Dec. 20, 1761; d. Mar. 4,

1847, ae. 85. 3. 12, gr-st.

Children in Halifax:

by 2d wife,

1950. 1. Mercy C., b. Sept. 29, 1793; d. ~~before 1834~~ Nov. 2, 1860, ae. 7 yrs. 1 mo. 4 d., gr. st.
- \*1951. 2. WILLIAM, b. Sept. 4, 1796.
1952. 3. Josiah, b. Oct. 20, 1797; d. before 1834; m. June 3, 1817, Polly Foster of Bridgewater, Mass.
- \*1953. 4. WARD, b. Mar. 17, 1798.
1954. 5. Lucinda, b. Sept. 10, 1801; m. May 26, 1828, Ebenezer Johnson of Londonderry, N.H.; and d. Feb. 26, 1840; he d. Dec. 5, 1838, in Derry, N.H.  
Children, Johnson:  
1. Susan Adams, b. Derry, N.H., Dec. 29, 1833; m. Nov. 29, 1855, Joseph Gregg Wilson of Derry, he b. Mar. 8, 1827.  
Children, Wilson:  
1. Anna Augusta, b. Baltimore, Md., Sept. 20, 1857; spent 4 years in London, Eng.; grad. Royal Coll. of Physicians and Surgeons of Edinburgh, Scotland, and took the degree of M. D. in the Univ. of Brussels. In 1894, she settled in Washington, D.C., as a Physician, res. 1451 Rhode Island Ave.  
2. Mary Ella, b. Balto., Md., Nov. 21, 1859; d. Derry, N.H., Aug. 11, 1883.  
3. Boardman Warner, b. Balto., Md., Feb. 25, 1862; m. June 13, 1882, Emma Virginia Gallion of Alexandria, Va., (and in 1896,) had 6 children.  
4. Howard Sears, b. Balto., Md., June 30, 1871.

Nov. 1776, Holmes Sears was allowed for rations, \$5. 10. 00.; and for travel, \$2.4.0; he was in Lt. Judah Wood's Co., in Col. Thomas Lothrop's Reg., and marched from Halifax to Bristol, on the alarm of Dec. 9, 1776; was 11 days in camp, and allowed for 80 miles travel, and 4 days. He enlisted in the fall of 1775, in Capt. James Churchill's Co., Col. Cotton's Reg., 6 weeks service; and in 1777, in Capt. Eben Washburn's Co., Col. Brook's Reg., 5 mos. service; and in fall of 1778, in Capt. Francis Stetson's Co., 3 mos. service; and in fall of 1779, in Lt. Judah Wood's Co., 2 weeks service. His widow drew a pension in 1840, then aged 77 yrs., and living with her son William.

His will dated Sept. 2, 1834, was allowed Jan. 16, 1837, and mentions wife Mercy; sons Ward and William; dau. Lucinda Johnson and grand-sons William Holmes Sears and Henry Ward Sears. William Sears, Executor.

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887. Dea. RUFUS<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Nathaniel<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Josiah<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>)  
b. Yarmouth, Mass., Jan. 9, 1770; d. Hawley, Mass., Nov. 16, 1856, ae. 87 yrs.; m. Ashfield, Mass., about 1793, Priscilla Sears, dau. of Daniel & Priscilla (Sears) S., she b. Yarmouth, Feb. 27, 1775; d. Hawley, Nov. 1802, ae. 28 yrs.; and 2d., Mar. 24, 1803, Maria Howes, dau. of Anthony & Martha (Howes) H., she b. Yarmouth, July 6, 1775; d. May 25, 1864.

## Children in Hawley:

by Priscilla,

1955. 1. Vienna, b. Jan. 23, 1795; m. about 1812, -----; and d. 1835.

\*1956. 2. NATHANIEL, b. Aug. 3, 1796.

1957. 3. Priscilla, b. Mar. 25, 1798; d. Nov. 1802.

1958. 4. Daniel, b. Jan. 31, 1800; d. Nov. 1802.

1959. 5. Rufus, b. -----; d. Nov. 1802.

by Maria,

\*1960. 6. RUFUS, b. Dec. 23, 1803.

\*1961. 7. ANTHONY, b. Aug. 18, 1805.

1962. 8. Maria, b. Apr. 10, 1806; m. Hawley, Aug. 10, 1830, Timothy Baker, son of Rufus &amp; Olive (Hall) B., he b. Oct. 1807; rem. to Adams, Mass.

1963. 9. Priscilla, b. Mar. 3, 1807.

\*1964. 10. FREDERIC H., b. June 25, 1811.

\*1965. 11. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, b. Mar. 15, 1813.

Rufus Sears was born in the East Precinct of Yarmouth, Mass., in 1770, and was but a few weeks old when his father died. He lived with his mother until eleven years old, (who had meanwhile married Gorham Baker,) and then removed with his sister Desire, wife of Dea. Joseph Bangs, to Hawley, then an almost unbroken wilderness, with a few scattering log houses, and lived with her until 21 years old. He then made a visit to his mother on Cape Cod, carrying his clothes and provisions in a pack, and travelling all the distance on foot; spent the winter with her, and in March, not wishing to go to sea, as the other young men were doing, he shouldered his pack, and trudged back to Hawley again. When he left the Cape the farmers were planting; arriving at Hawley, he found the ground covered with the last winter's snow. He then purchased and cleared a tract of land, put up a small house, and about 1793, married Priscilla Sears. "He professed to be a follower of the meek and lowly Jesus before he was 21, endeavored to train up his children in the right way, and was a Deacon of the Congregational Church for many years."

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889a. PHINEAS<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Josiah<sup>5</sup>, Josiah<sup>4</sup>, Josiah<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>), b. 21 MAY 1818  
 m. *by A.* Estabrook, and removed to Vermont.  
 BARRINGTON N.S.

## Children:

\*1965a. 1. WILLARD, b. <sup>14 Feb.</sup> ~~about~~ 1842.

and 10 others.

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892. EARL<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Zebedee<sup>5</sup>, David<sup>4</sup>, Josiah<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b.

Middleboro, Mass., Dec. 19, 1761; d. there, Jan. 10, 1842, ae. 80 yrs.,  
gr-st., Lakeside, Mass.; m. Middleboro, Apr. 27, 1793, by Rev. Ebenezer  
Hinds to Judith Howland, dau. of John & Abigail (Pierce) H., of Freetown,  
Mass., she b. Feb. 25, 1755; d. Middleboro, July 20, 1846, ae. 91 yrs.,  
gr-st., Lakeside.

## Children in Middleboro:

1966. 1. Mary, b. Aug. 3, 1794; d. Feb. 29, 1796.

\*1967. 2. EARL, b. Dec. 2, 1796.

"Earle Seares" was a private in Col. Topham's Reg., in 1776; marched  
to R.I., on alarm of July 29, 1780, Newport, R.I., in Capt. Henry Pierce's  
Co., Lt. Col. White's Reg., did 9 days service and travelled 40 miles;  
pay due, \$16.7.11. (R.I.Rec.)

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894. LEONARD<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Zebedee<sup>5</sup>, David<sup>4</sup>, Josiah<sup>3</sup>, Silas<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b.

Middleboro, Mass., Sept. 22, 1771; m. there, Mar. 22, 1795, by Rev.  
Caleb Taylor to Remember Leonard of Middleboro, who d. there, Feb. 26,  
1803, in her 28th yr., gr-st., Lakeville, Mass.; and 2d., by Willis Wood,  
Esq., J.P., June 3, 1804, to Abiah L. Simmons, dau. of Joseph Leonard,  
and widow of Sebra Simmons, who d. 1828, ae. about 55 yrs.

## Children in Middleboro:

by Remember,

\*1968. 1. OLIVER LEONARD, b. Mar. 1, 1795.

1969. 2. Daniel, b. Aug. 16, 1797; settled in Troy, N.Y., when a young  
man, married and had 3 children.

1970. 3. Zebedee, b. July 6, 1799.

1971. 4. Mary, b. Sept. 1802.

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900. PETER<sup>6</sup> SEARS, (Peter,<sup>5</sup> Jonathan,<sup>4</sup> Josiah,<sup>3</sup> Silas,<sup>2</sup> Richard,<sup>1</sup>) b.

Scituate, Mass., Oct. 1, 1782 ; m. Feb. 9, 1806, Delight Beals.

Children in Boston:

\*1972. 1. ISAAC, b. Aug. 9, 1806.

1973. 2. Charles, d. Boston, Oct. 1834, ae. 29 yrs.

1974. 3. Nancy D.

1975. 4. Mary D., m. Boston, Nov. 4, 1858, Warren Gill, son of James B.  
& Lydia (Thaxter) G., he b. 1827; res. in New York, and d. there,  
Apr. 27, 1884, ae. 56 yrs.

1976. 5. Catharine C., m. Boston, Aug. 17, 1848, Edward Ricker.

Mr. Sears removed to Boston, Mass.

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